REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Department of Food Supplies for the year 1961-62.

READ :—

Letter No. ESA.1-2591/62-63, dated 20th March 1963, from the Director of Food Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

ORDER No. RD 21 FET 63, DATED BANGALORE, THE 30TH MARCH 1964.

Recorded.

2 *Administration.*—Shri V. Byrappa continued to be in charge of the Department during the year under report.

The charge of the post of the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Procurement) and Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots), Bangalore, was held by Shri B. Munivenkataiah from 1st April 1961 to 30th September 1961 and by Shri K. K. Appaiah from 22nd October 1961 (A. N.) to 31st March 1962 (F.N.).

The charge of the post of wholetime Food Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District was held by Shri C. Narasimha Murthy from 1st April 1961 to 5th April 1961 and by Shri T. Madaiah from 5th April 1961 to 31st March 1962.

The charge of the post of Special Tahsildar-*cum*-Office Assistant to the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots), Bangalore was held by Shri L. Shivalingaiah from 1st April 1961 to 30th September 1961 (A. N.) by Shri L. Venkatachaliah, from 30th September 1961 (A.N.) to 28th October 1961 (Additional charge) and by Shri A. R. Yamunacharya from 28th October 1961 to 31st March 1962.

The posts of the Office Assistant (Gazetted) to the Director of Food Supplies and other establishments were continued from time to time.

Business Statistics.—The following details indicate the volume of business transacted in the Office of the Director of Food Supplies during the year under report as compared with the business transacted during the two previous years. —

		1959-60	*1960-61*	*1961-62*
1	No. of references received ...	27,053	20,948	21,584
2	No. of fair copies issued ...	11,994	8,745	8,552
3	New case numbers ...	4,440	2,819	3,41
4	No. of currents disposed of ...	4,481	2,575	3,792

Price Stabilisation Scheme—The General Food Policy of the State during the year under report was concerned mainly with the price stabilisation. The system of distribution of rice through Fair Price Shops was continued. Locally procured rice to the extent of stocks delivered by the Rice Mill-owners was released through Fair Price Depots. With a view to secure the balance quantities of rice due to Government from the Rice Mill-owners under the 1958 and 1959 procurement Schemes a comprehensive procedure in regard to assessment of Short deliveries was sanctioned in Government Order Nos. RDE 20 FFP 60, and RDE 223 FRM 60, dated 6th October 1961 directing that the Mill owners might be allowed to make good the shortages of rice due from them in kind (rice), dispensing with the penal levy in such cases. However, as the Mill owners failed to take advantage of this concession promptly, it was withdrawn in G. O. No. RDE 25 FFP 62, dated 12th February 1962.

A quota of 20,000 tonnes of rice of the common variety was obtained from the Government of India for supply from April to December 1961. In addition, a quantity of 800 tonnes of Punjab Parimal rice was also allotted by the Government

of India. Monthly allotments were made to the Assistant Director of Food Supplies (Depots), Bangalore and the Deputy Commissioners of the Districts for release of this rice to consumers through authorised nominees. A quantity of about 12,397 tonnes of rice was actually received from April 1961 to the end of March 1962 and this was distributed through Fair Price Shops. The purchase and selling prices of the different varieties of rice received from the Government of India were fixed in the Bangalore City Corporation area and in the Districts taking into account the transport and incidental charges.

Control Orders:—I. The Rice (Southern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1957. In their Order No. 203 (SRZ)—(2)/574-62-PY. II, dated 23rd January 1962, the Central Government permitted the movement of rice or paddy including products thereof from any place within the Southern Zone to any place within Goa. Subject to this relaxation, the Order continued to be in force during the year under report.

Permits were issued to cover the export of 47·4 tonnes of rice outside the State for personal consumption against a quota of 100 tonnes fixed by the Government of India for the calendar year 1961. The limit of 20,000 bags per month for the export of rice products outside the State was enhanced to 25,000 bags per month and this quota was allotted to the Districts of Shimoga, Bellary, Chitradurga, Dharwar, Bijapur and Belgaum for issue of permits in favour of *bona fide* manufacturers and exporters.

II and III. The Southern Rice Zone (Restriction on Rail Booking) Order, 1960 and the Mysore Foodgrains Movement Control Order, 1957, continued to be in force during the year under report.

IV. The Mysore Foodgrains Dealers and Millers Licensing Order, 1958 continued to be in force subject to the amendments issued thereto.

V. The Rice Milling Industry (Regulation) Act, 1958 and the Rules made thereunder continued to be in force.

VI. The Imported Foodgrains (Prohibition of unauthorised sale) Order, 1958 continued to be in force.

Distribution of wheat.—A monthly allotment of 10,160 tonnes of wheat was received from the Government of India at Rs. 14 per maund or Rs. 31-51 nP. per quintal and the same was released through Co-operatives, Fair Price Shops and recognised dealers at the prices fixed by Government. Wheat was liberally issued to consumers without any quantitative limit.

There was no control over the distribution of wheat products by the Department.

The total acreage and production of important crops in the State were as follows:—

Rice		*Ragi*		*Jawar*	
Area (Acres)	Yield (Tonnes)	Area (Acres)	Yield (Tonnes)	Area (Acres)	Yield (Tonnes)
24,13,950	12,67,595	21,74,342	7,13,830	67,94,926	13,63,143

The prices of important crops between the period 1st April 1961 and 31st March 1962 ranged as follows depending on their quality.

per quintal

Rice		*Ragi*		*Jola*	
From	To	From	To	From	To
Rs. 51/-	Rs. 78/-	Rs. 31/-	Rs. 42/-	Rs. 34/-	Rs. 42/-

Sugar:—The arrangements made during the previous year for the distribution of sugar at the prices fixed in this behalf were continued till the 20th September 1961 on which date the control over the distribution and on the price was removed by the Government of India in their Notification No. 1-2/51-SV, dated the 20th September 1961.

At the time the controls were in force, the Government of India had fixed a monthly quota of 8,000 tonnes and this was supplied from the factories in the State and from the factories of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra States. The monthly quota was allotted to the several Districts and the Bangalore City Corporation Area and was distributed through licensed Co-operative Societies and Private merchants who were appointed as wholesale distributors for lifting the quantities from the Sugar Factories. Arrangements were also made for meeting the reasonable requirements of bulk consumers like Hotels, Restaurants, Sweet-meat Stalls, Bakeries and Confectioneries.

The whole-sale and retail prices of sugar supplied to the Districts were fixed by the Deputy Commissioners on the basis of ex-factory price providing for a reasonable margin of profit for incidentals and commission.

These arrangements generally ensured a satisfactory and equitable distribution of sugar throughout the State till the control over the distribution and prices was removed.

Food Godowns.—There were 57 Godowns with a storage capacity of 38,260 tonnes under the control of the Food Supplies Department as on 31st March 1962. Some of the Godowns were leased out to the Central Government, Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., Bangalore and other institutions subject to payment of rent.

Local Audit Objections.—At the beginning of the year under review a sum of Rs. 23,33,201 was outstanding in the ten Districts of Old Mysore State. A fresh demand of Rs. 82,516 was booked during the year, bringing the total amount to the extent of Rs. 24,15,717. Objections to the extent of Rs. 3,84,973 were cleared during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 20,30,744 at the end of the year.

Better progress should have been secured in the disposal of audit objections.

General.—There was no major change in the Food Policy during the year under report. The Department continued to devote its attention to the finalisation of the residuary items of work relating mainly to the clearance of old stocks of paddy and rice, audit objections relating to the last Control period and the 1958 and 1959 paddy/rice procurement Schemes, the current operational activities pertaining to the releases of rice and wheat through Fair Price Depots under the Price Stabilisation Scheme, and the administration of the Licensing and Movement Control Orders which were in force.

The administration of the Department was generally satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

P. NAGESHA RAO,
Under Secy. to Govt., R. D.